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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live on a small family farm in a semi-rural area, with limited Internet access. For us, fast and reliable Internet is not just a convenience; it is critical to our farm's success, as it allows us to access customers all over the country.

The default provider is AT&T, whose service is slow and expensive, and whose customer service is, frankly, horrible. Comcast cherry-picks where to provide service, and quoted us over \$3,000 to connect.

Fortunately, however, we are also served by Sonic, which has managed to figure out how to provide faster service on AT&T's infrastructure (including fusing two DSL lines) -- and gives by far the best customer service I have ever encountered from any communications provider.

Sonic and other small providers are doing an amazing job of delivering best-in-class connectivity, innovation, and customer service. We need to make sure the conditions exist for them to continue to innovate.

The petition by US Telecom would take us in exactly the wrong direction, not only harming our business but putting our country at a competitive disadvantage at a critical time.

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